

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortabes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYRDEN

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa ham,
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede dømt,
fordi han ikke har troet
paa Guds enbaarne Sønns
Navn.

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I EN STILLE STUND

"Bedrøvet ikke Guds Helligaand, med hvilken I er beseglet til Forløsningens dag." — Ef. 4:30.
Dersom vi begaar en eller anden feil, saa straffer og advarer Aanden os. Men det hender saa ofte at vi er uopmerksomme og ulydige, og da hindrer vi Aandens gjerning. Naaden drar sig tilbake, og freden med Gud blir forstyrret, ja ofte forvandlet til angst og ufred. Derfor er det saa nødvendigt at sjelen altid vogter sig for at la sig adspredde av verdens letsindige vesen. Isteden bør man altid gi noe akt paa Herrens vink, hans ord og bud, og straks følge hans Aands advarsel, det koste hvad det vil. Skjer dette, saa skal det lys og den kunnskap som Herren skjenger vinde alt større klarhet hos os. Vor samvittighet vil derved bli mere øm, og den fortrolige og inderlige omgang med Frelseren befestes mere og mere. Derpaa sikter disse ord: "Jeg er Herren, din Gud, som lærer dig hvad nyttigt er, som fører dig paa veien som du skal gaa paa. Gid du vilde akte paa mine bud! Da skulde din fred vere som floden, og din retferdighet som havets bølger."

Es. 48:17-18.
—fra Stille Stunder.

Min Gud og min Frelser, du vere mig god,
Det er ikke stort med et menneskes mod,
Og serlig naar alderen bøier min ryg!
Om andre blir store, la mig blive tryg!

Men mere end alderen engster mit kjød
Begjærlighet jager mig indtil min død,
Og derfor til døden min bøn den er en:
Om andre blir store, la mig blive ren!
Du sterke og ydmyge Menneskesøn!
Giv mig at leve og gavne i løn,
For dertil skal mere end krigerens mod—
Om andre blir store, la mig blive god!

Du førte mig naadig til Nasarets by,
Der aander jeg let i din kjærlighets ly,
Til engelen atter vil vare mig ad —
Om andre blir store, la mig blive glad!
(Indsendt av N. Fjelheim, Camrose)

Indberetning til Canada Norsk Lutherske Indremissionsforbunds 11te Aarsmøte. Som avholdts i Camrose fra 7de-14 Juli 1940

Vil i denne anledning faa minde om et kort ord, som jeg synes har et særligt budskap til Guds folk ogsaa nu i denne tid, nu naar mørke, tunge skyer sænker sig over menneskeslekten, som varster om stormfulde trange tider. Det lyder slik "Jeg kommer snart. Hold fast paa det du har saa ingen skal tage din krone, Aapenbaringen 3, 11. Baade trøst og formaning. Jeg kommer snart. Hold fast paa det du har. Det budskape sendte den Hellige og Sandrue til den lille Filadelfia menighed, som er en av de to menigheter i de syv sendebrev som menighedens herre ikke har noget at bebreide.

I begge disse menigheter — Smyrna og Filadelfia, varslar han om at de gaar tunge tider i møte, som vil sætte deres tro og utholdenhet paa en særlig prøve. Derfor lyder det: vær tro indtil døden, og hold fast paa det du har. Venner, i lyset av disse ord forstaar vi at det maa sættes alt ind for at gaa seirende ut av denne prøve. Og i lyset av disse ord forstaar vi hvorfor de gamle sang: "Ingen finder frem til den evige ro som sig ei veldig fremtrenger.

1940 BUDGET INGATHERING

DISTRICT	AMOUNT RAISED	APPORT- ONMENT	July 31, 1940 BALANCE TO BE RAISED	% RAISED
EASTERN	76,443.52	259,290.00	182,846.48	29.5
NO. MINN.	36,896.78	104,520.00	67,623.22	35.3
SO. MINN.	75,977.27	266,325.00	190,347.73	28.5
IOWA	39,887.47	131,655.00	91,767.53	30.3
SO. DAK.	36,057.18	99,495.00	63,437.82	36.2
NO. DAK.	26,365.51	96,480.00	70,114.49	27.3
ROCKY MT.	7,871.35	12,060.00	4,188.65	65.3
PACIFIC	9,073.38	26,130.00	17,056.62	34.7
CANADA	2,491.63	9,045.00	6,553.37	27.5
NO DIST.	1,196.31			
LUTH. STUD. UNION.....	600.00			
LUTH. STUDENTS	379.40			
BY FUNDS				
EDUCATION	70,477.38	277,763.81	207,286.43	25.4
HOME MISSIONS	73,731.94	227,261.31	153,529.37	32.4
FOR. MISSIONS	87,375.12	267,663.32	180,288.20	32.6
CHARITIES	42,813.36	151,507.54	108,694.18	28.3
PENSIONS	20,679.99	80,804.02	60,124.03	25.6
GENERAL FUND	18,162.01			
	\$313,239.80	1,005,000.00	691,760.20	31.2

Men la os merke os at trøsten og løfterne gaar saa at si side om side med trængslerne "Jeg kommer snart!" Jeg vil og fri dig ut fra den prøvelsens stund som skal komme over jorderike. Vi er ikke av dem som tror at Guds folk gaar fri al trængsel. Nei, Herren har aldrig vært ræd for at la barna sine lide, det er der nok av beviser for ogsaa nu, baade i Kina og mange andre lande, ogsaa i vort kjære fedreland maa de nu drikke av lidelsens bæger. Men under alt dette kommer der beretning om at de er lykkelige og glade, og at Herren er dem saa forunderlig nær. Saa de kan synge med Lina Sandel: "Hvad han tar og hvad han giver, samme fader han dog bliver, og hans maal er kun det ene. Barnets sande vel alene." Herre, gjør ogsaa os istand til at synge slik!

Angaaende arbeidet i det forløpne aar kan det vel sies at det har staat i de aapne døres tegn. Tror det kan ogsaa sies at det har vært et av de bedste arbeidsaar siden forbundet blev dannet. Ikke mindst paa grund av at vi fik staa til tjeneste for gjesten fra Norge, Johannes Daasvand. Hvor mindes vi ikke broderen med tak til Gud for de klare evangeliske sandheder han fik bære frem i blandt os. Andre arbeidere, som har staat i forbundets tjeneste er. Pastor P. Overlid, evangelist K. Heggstad. Tobias Berge, og undertegnede var ogsaa ute en tur sidste høst. Der kan nok være de ting som kan skape misnøt, men i det heletaget finder arbeiderne at det er let at bære frem ordet. Broder Daasvand sa at han merket en særlig høretrang baade i Saskatchewan og Alberta. En anden ting som har været opmuntrende i arbeidet er at en del av de yngre prester, som har kommet til Canada i de senere aar, har vist sig særdeles forstaadlsesfulde likeoverfor indre missionsarbeidet, og det tegner godt for fremtiden. Jeg vil ikke komme med nogen anbefalinger til Aarsmøtet.

Bare dette: at vi maa gaa ind mens dørene er aapne, og være med og rope ut til vort kjære folk at: "Der er endnu rum." Snart kan dørene lukkes! Deres i Kristus

Kaspar Knutson.

P. S. Indsendt paa opfordring av Aarsmødet for Forbundet som holdtes i Camrose fra 7de-14de Juli, 1940 til optagelse i "Hyrden." Og saa siger vi tak paa forhaand for venlighed at give os spalterum i deres ærede blad "Hyrden." Tak.

Broderligst
Lars Njaa, Hagen, Sask. Sek.

Tungt ruger mulm . . .

(Fortsat fra forrige nummer.)

Disse mennesker indenfor de korsmærkede hus vil ogsaa sky misjonæren som noget ondt, som en for hvem helvedes verste pine ikke er straf nokk. I skyggen av deres kors og kirker er mange djævelske planer klekket ut, og sanksjonert av presten, og ofte er han den som først tenker dem ut. Det hendte nylig i en av de største byer at en katolsk prest var føreren for en bande fanatikere som overfalt en av misjonstasjonerne med den hensikt aa dræpe misjonæren. Dette lykkedes ikke da vedkommende misjonær ikke var hjemme. Denne bande tillike med presten kom rett fra messe paa søndags formiddag. Sandelig, "Tungt ruger mulm over dette folk."

Kristi kors taler om fred og forsoning. Romerkirkens kors om intriger, bedrag, og mørke. Under dens kors har mange martyrer gjennomgaat de mest grusomme pinsler og git sit liv. Romerkirkens utsendinger var med naar de eventyrlystne spanienere erobret dette land. De var tilstede med Kirkens sanksjon, dens kors og velsignelser naa de indfødte blev dræpt eller gjort til slaver. Den hadde sin representant i Peru i 1532, som gav geistlig approbasjon naar Pizarro begyndte nedslagtning av Indianere som var kommet dem imøte med fred.

Men, vil nogen spørre, har den ikke forandret sig? I det ytre kanskje, men aanden i den er den samme. Katolisismen blev indført med sverdet. Det som skjedde var at folkets gamle gudsyndelse blev ført in i katolske kanaler. Deres avgudsdyrkelse fikk fortsette i statue—tilbedelsen, og der florerer den idag. Det brede laget av folket fikk fortsatte i sin uvitendhet og synd. Infet blev gjort, eller er gjort, for at løfte dem op fra deres overtro, last og elendighet. Dette er et mørkt billede, men slik er katolisismen her i Syd Amerika. Tungt ruger mulm over Kolombia og de andre lande under "Sydkorset."

Til dette folk er det at vi prøver at bringe ordet om korset. Ikke Romerkirkens kors, men Kristi kors og dets kraft. Dette folk som i aarhundreder har havt kristennavnet, men som aldrig er kommet lenger enn til former, symboler og ytre ceremonier. Vi kan gjøre regning paa modstand, for satan slipper ikke sit bytte godvillig. Han gir aldrig op uten kamp. Men skal Guds sak seire saa maa ordet om Kristi kors forkyndes for dem, Vi lenges efter aa

I GUDS HAAND

Naar barnet er i fars arme er det ikke bange. Da føler det sig trygg, for det stoler paa far.

Et menneske som er i Guds haand behøver langt mindre at være ængstelig. Det kan vere stille uten frygt i alle vanskeligheter, for den himmelske Far baade vil og kan hjelpe selv der hvor jordiske fedre staar magtesløse.

Men hvem er i Guds haand? Jo, svaret blir, alle de som elsker Jesus som sin dyrebare Frelser. At elske Jesus er ensbetydende med at holde hans bud, og at leve efter hans forskrifter. Men av os selv formaar vi ikke dette. Vor gamle syndige natur kan ikke elske Jesus eller holde hans bud. Enhver elsker sit eget. Bare da naar Herren faar gjøre os til nye mennesker i Jesus Kristus kan vi ved daglig omgang med ham leve slik at vi er i Guds haand, og da er hans bud ikke tunge; det blir tvertimot en lyst at grunde paa Herrens lov dag og nat.

Naar satan frister, naar verden og kjødet lokker, se da paa Jesus som for disse ting ga sit liv i døden paa Golgata kors. Ver blot stille for ham! Bekjend din synd; klag for ham din nød, saa skal du erfare at det som Gud fremdeles tillater tjener til fred og salighet.

Men hvis man fortsetter i synden, og lever i synden, har man intet haap om evigt liv. Den aandelige død hersker allerede, og den evige død staar for døren. Men husk at Jesus er din frelser, min ven. Han vil ta imot dig slik som du er, og løse dig fra alle dine synder. Han siger jo selv, "Den som kommer til mig vil jeg ingenlunde støte ut." Et andet dyrebart ord er dette: "Dersom vi bekjender vore synder, er han trofast og retferdig saa han forlater os synderne, og renser os fra all uretferdighet." Ta imot denne herlige indbydelse, kjære leser. Bli et Guds barn og lev med Jesus! Fly fra den grumme fyrste djevelen. Kald paa Frelseren idag. Der er rum ogsaa for dig i Guds haand. —G.

se salmistens ord opfylt ogsaa iblandt dette folk, naar der siges i Sal. 107:14, Han førte dem ut av mørke og dødsskygge og rev sonder deres baand. Dette har skeet med enkelte der hvor vi har arbeidet, men der er saa mange endnu som er bundet, og alle de byer og steder som endnu aldrig har hørt det evangelium som kan sette dem fri. For aa naa, om mulig, til alle ogsaa i dette land er det at vi arbeider. For dette maal er det at vi begjærer eders forbøn.

—Trygve Salte.

Soata, Boyaca, Colombia, S. Am.
July 5, 1940.

Rev. H. L. Urness,
Bulyea, Sask., Canada.
Kjære pastor Urness,
Fredshilsen!

Ser at du nevner i bladet, Hyrden, at det skorter paa bidrag til den norske avdeling. Det er beklagelig at dem som endnu er glad i det norske språk ikke hjelper mer ut med aa skrive i det. Har lenge tenkt aa sende litt herfra, om du vil være saa venlig aa gi plass for det. Hadde egentlig tengt aa skrive det paa engelsk, da jeg vet at mange av ungdommen ikke læser norsk, men naar jeg saa at det var mangel paa norsk matriale forandret jeg mening.

Det er kjært aa faa Hyrden her-nede, aa faa følge med i arbeidet i Canada. Det har ogsaa glædet mig aa se at der slaas til lyd for lægmansarbeidet, saa vel som det som utføres inden kirken.

Ser av Hyrden at du er i Bulyea nu. Vil du hilse saa meget til Fløtre, om du husker paa det.

Broderligst, Trygve Salte.

HYRDEN

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Firstfruits

Is God to be honored with the firstfruits of our increase during this harvest season, or must He be satisfied to receive the "left-overs" at the end of the year? God is honored only when He receives His just portion from His children; and He has promised to honor those who honor Him. (1 Sam. 2:30b) This promise is just as sure as any other promise in His Word.

Indications are that many of His children in the Church today are falling far short in giving God His portion. When the second quarter of this fiscal year closed, on July 31st, 31.2% of the funds necessary for carrying on this year's work had come in when it should have been 50%. We are grateful for the many congregations that have done well, but it is sad to see that so many are evidently not offering their "firstfruits." Why wait until the end of the year when there may be nothing but "left-overs" to give and thus lose the blessing?

We are living in a disturbed world. Can we shut our hearts to the cries, the pain and suffering in the world about us? American Christians should be bowed in repentance and prayer for the Nations, the Church and all people. This is our Church's opportunity to offer the world the one thing needful — to enthroned Jesus Christ in the hearts of all men.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Prov. 3:9-10)

—B.

The New Testament

Matthew and Mark and Luke and John,

the holy gospels wrote,
Describing how the Savior died,
His life and all He taught;
Acts prove how God the Apostles owned

with signs in every place;
St. Paul, in Romans, teaches us
how man is saved by grace;
The Apostle in Corinthians,
instructs, exhorts, reproves;

Galatians shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.
Ephesians and Phillipians tell
what Christians ought to be;
Colossians bid us live for God,
and for eternity;

In Thessalonians we are taught
the Lord will come from Heaven.
In Timothy and Titus, too,
a bishop's rule is given;

Philemon marks a Christian's love,
which only Christians know.
Hebrews reveals the Gospel plan
prefigured by the law;

James teaches, without holiness,
faith is but vain and dead;
St. Peter points the narrow way
in which the Saints are led;

John, in his three epistles
still, on love delights to dwell;
St. Jude gives awful warnings
of just judgment, wrath and hell;

The Revelation prophesies of
that tremendous day,
when Christ, and Christ alone,
shall be the trembling sinner's stay.

—Anon.

"Faith In Action"

From W.M.F. Convention address
given by Mrs. A. H. Solheim,
Text—John 15, 16.

"Faith in Action" has become a slogan of our Norwegian Lutheran Church in Canada and in "the States." In another three years our church is to celebrate the completion of One Hundred Years of active service among our people on this American continent; and it is fitting that special efforts should be made to make clear the source of the church's commission, the means by which it works, and the results for which it strives.

It is also fitting that we as a church should endeavor to extend and increase our activities as far as possible, in order that we may be able to show some real results of one hundred years of existence and activity, not merely for the sake of having something to pride ourselves about, but in order that the name of God may be honoured, and that He may be privileged to continue, and perchance, increase His blessings to future generations.

In the 15th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John Jesus speaks much about friendship and love to Him as the only motive that He can recognize in estimating our service to Him. And in the 16th verse of this chapter, He further clinches His appeal for our love and service by showing the origin of this friendship. He has chosen us. We would not have been able to choose Him. "He came to His own, and His own received Him not." Yet, Jesus not only made it possible for us to become reconciled to God, but He has chosen as many as will accept Him, to become His friends and co-workers. In His inexpressible love and wisdom he chose to select His friends and co-workers out of the multitude of a rebellious and enmity humanly. It is comparatively easy for a powerful general to overcome and destroy a weaker enemy; but to overcome an enemy in such a way as to make him a friend and ally is no small task. We can plainly see in the Gospel records that this task of selecting and training apostles and disciples was a very difficult one. In chapter 14 we hear Jesus mournfully say: "Have I been so long a time with you, and hast thou not yet come to know me, Philip?" It appears that in spite of all that Jesus had said and done to reveal His Father, in spite of all the love He had showered upon them, in spite of His humility and self-sacrificing activities on their behalf, they were still selfish enough, and materialistic enough to quarrel among themselves—even during the last night before His crucifixion — about who should be greatest among them. In fact, it was not until after the resurrection and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit that the apostles and disciples began to see what the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ meant to them and to all humanity. Then they began to ascribe all the miracles to Him and not to themselves. Formerly they said: "Even the evil spirits are obedient unto us." Now they had become convinced that "it is in Him we live and move and have our being." Now they became proud to call themselves "Apostles" or "Servants of Jesus Christ."

The disciples of Jesus are not chosen at random—they are chosen with a definite purpose in view — "that they should go and bring forth fruit, and that their fruit should remain." It is to be a lasting fruit—a fruit, that shall last throughout all eternity...

In this fruit-bearing service there is room for all manner of characteristics and all types of talents. We all have to give up our old self and permit God to develop a new being in us, which is created by God Himself in righteousness and true holiness, "for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them." Eph. 2, 10.

Bible Teaching Meetings

Mr. Philip Hanson of Clarkfield, Minn. conducted a series of Bible studies in the Macoun, Sask., parish, Milo E. Lee, pastor, beginning Tuesday, July 30, and closing Sunday, Aug. 11. The opening meetings were held in Bethlehem Congregation, Midale, where Mr. Hanson led a group of people from Midale and Macoun in the study of John 3, 4, 5, and 9. The general theme of these studies, based on John 20:31, was "Life in His Name." On Sunday, Aug. 4, Mr. Hanson spoke on the Gospel for the day at the forenoon service and challengingly set forth the difficult but wise choice of Moses, Heb. 11:24-26, at a Luther League meeting in the evening.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Aug. 5th and 6th, Mr. Hanson conducted studies in Bethany Church, Macoun, on the parables of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-24, and the Rich Man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31. These studies were repeated on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Bethesda Church, Wilcox.

On Friday evening, Mr. Hanson with a car filled with people from Macoun went to Torquay where he conducted a study of the Healing of Naaman, II Kings 5, in Trinity Church, Pastor A. K. Haugen's charge. On Sunday, August 11, Mr. Hanson preached the sermon at services in three of Pastor Lee's churches — Snaasen, Zion, and Estevan.

Though these meetings were held during a rather busy time, they were quite well attended and proved of great blessing to many. Mr. Hanson is a gifted Bible teacher who is able to bring the light of other passages of the Word to shine upon the passage under consideration. He brings out the truths of the Word of God clearly and forcefully and applies them effectively to the individual life.

—Milo E. Lee.

There are innumerable ways and means by which we may bear fruit for God in our homes, in our communities, among our relatives, friends or business associates; in the church, Sunday school, or Ladies' aid. By speaking a warning or encouraging word at the right time, by showing kindness and sympathy to the undeserving as well as the deserving, by lending a helping hand whenever and wherever needed, we permit God to reflect through us, though often very imperfectly, some of His boundless love and endless desire to save all people. St. Paul sums it all up in this admonition: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col. 3, 17.

An old Roman coin bears the design of an ox standing between a plow and an altar, thus signifying its readiness for sacrifice or for service. No symbol could be more appropriate for the attitude of a true Christian, ready when the Master calls, whether it be for service or for sacrifice.

Christian sympathy, love and service have opened more hard hearts for God's grace than many promises and much talking. We may not all become convincing speakers, or exquisite singers, or effective organizers; but we shall undoubtedly all have opportunities to speak an encouraging word, or to do an act of kindness to some benighted, lonely soul, thereby giving the love of Christ an opportunity to work in us both to will and to do that which is well pleasing in His sight. "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. So shall ye be my disciples."

"LIFE IS NOT COASTING; life is climbing. Life is a struggle — a fight against appetite, passion, crudeness, vulgarity, and ugliness; a striving toward sonship with God. Life is a struggle, not a surrender. There is no greater thrill than to know one has done his best. "This is life" — to live like a son of God.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. John Amundrud

Mrs. John Amundrud, Aylesbury, Sask., passed away Aug. 4th, 1940, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. L. Windh, at Jasper, Alberta. Cause of death was heart failure.

Boel Gronhovd Amundrud was born Nov. 7, 1867, in Eggedal, Norway, and came to what is now Nekoma, N. Dak., in 1890. There she married John Amundrud, and together they homesteaded in that neighborhood. She became a charter member of the Highland Lutheran Ladies' Aid. In 1906 they left for Aylesbury, Sask., where they homesteaded again. Mrs. Amundrud has been a faithful church worker as well as a true pioneer mother of this community.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 1940, in Aylesbury, Sask., by Rev. H. L. Urness of Bulyea, Sask., a former pastor and friend of the family. He spoke on Lamentation 3:22-24. Six sons acted as pallbearers. Interment was made at the Aylesbury Cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Amundrud is survived by her husband, John Amundrud; six sons, Joseph, Oscar, and Albert of Aylesbury, Sask., Martin of Pontrilas, Sask., Henry of Red Deer, Alta., and Clarence of Lucky Lake, Sask., also two daughters, Mrs. P. L. Windh, Jasper, Alta., and Mrs. A. G. Holt, Lethbridge, Alta. One daughter, Mrs. N. J. Mortenson, Portland, Oregon, died in 1936.

—Mrs. John Gronhovd.

In Loving Memory of
Hans Luraas,
who passed away August 15, 1939

'Twas just a year ago today
That tears bedimmed our eyes;
As in eternal peaceful sleep
We saw a loved one lie.
His tender smile no more we'd see,
His voice was ever stilled,
Yet, in our hearts he had a place
Which never could be filled.

And though we long to see his face
And clasp him in our arms;
We are so glad that he is safe
From sorrow and from harm,
No earthly cares are his to bear;
No grief again to know:
And from our hearts we thank Thee,
Lord,
That Thou did'st make it so.

We miss his presence more each day
'Twill be so till the end;
Forever in our thoughts will be
Our husband, father, friend.
His kindly deeds and loving thoughts
We'll cherish through the years,
And days with him we'll oft recall
'Mid reminiscent tears.

Oh, precious Saviour, Lord on high!
Our humble thanks we give;
And pray that Thou wilt guide our
lives.

While in the world we live.
Oh, give us faith that we may know
Thy love and tender care;
And when our work on earth is o'er,
Our loved one's blessing share.

From Wife and Children,
Atwater, Sask.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in August, 1940

"Praying always... for all saints... and for me." Paul was in prison when he wrote these words. The new editor of the Young People's page is not in prison, but he wants to begin his new work with these words of the apostle. Any work in the kingdom of God is important enough to ask others to pray about it. Therefore to you friends who love the Lord Jesus Christ comes the request that you pray for the work represented by this page.

It is certain that all our readers want to extend to retiring editor Vinge their hearty thanks for his faithful service in this work. He has set a high standard for the new editor to follow.

Luther Leaguers, this is your page. It is your responsibility to send in news items of interest to the rest of us. We are eager to hear of what you are doing and finding successful in promoting the work of the Lord.

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In this issue are reports from several of the Bible Camps which have been held in our district this summer. In these and other camps previously reported hundreds of young people have been receiving training in the use of "The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Many came for a good time, it is true. But many came because God had placed in their hearts a hunger and a thirst for a better knowledge of His Word, and of the Savior there revealed. Thank God for such young people. They give hope of a better day in our Church.

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Saskatoon Circuit L.L. Bible Camp

The fourth annual Bible Camp of the Saskatoon Circuit was held this year from July 1 to July 7. Again we gathered at Outlook College which we have learned to look on as an ideal place for such a camp.

By Tuesday morning about sixty-five young people had registered and this number increased each day until eighty was reached. For the Sunday services there were over two hundred people from different places within the circuit present.

Three class periods occupied each forenoon during the week. Rev. G. O. Evenson of Moose Jaw conducted a study of II Peter in the morning and brought us inspiring messages at our nightly camp-fire. Rev. J. T. Dahle of Watrous conducted four hours in studying the life of the prophet Elijah. Rev. A. Hjortas of Macrorie lectured one hour on the life of Daniel. Rev. B. O. Lokensgard of Saskatoon acted as dean of camp and also conducted four periods in the study of the doctrine of Sin.

The afternoons were devoted to study, recreation and fellowship. After the evening meal half an hour or more was taken up by singing practice. The day closed on the beautiful banks of the Saskatchewan River under the starry heavens. This was indeed the sacred hour of the day as we listened to Rev. Evenson bringing us live messages from God's Word.

The inspirational speaker Saturday evening was Rev. Olson of Wisconsin. He brought a much appreciated talk at that time. The Sunday morning worship was held in Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Outlook. Rev. J. A. Berge conducted the service and Dr. Iver Iversen preached the sermon. The church was filled to capacity for the service. The closing program was held at the college at two o'clock. Rev. Dahle spoke on "Young People and Faith in Action." Dr. Iversen spoke briefly on the work of the church, and two of the young people spoke on "What this Bible Camp has meant to me." Music was supplied by the Bethlehem Girl's Chorus and the Bible Camp choir.

—B. O. Lokensgard.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

The Swift Current Circuit Bible Camp

Large crowds gathered daily at Tjomsland's Grove, Simmie, while Bible Camp was in progress; held this year for one week, June 30 — July 7th.

It was a week of blessed Christian fellowship where through the classes each day we were taught new blessed truths from His precious Word. God's presence can be felt so keenly when one is as close to the beauties of Nature as we were there.

The guest speakers this year were our former pastor, Rev. G. J. Ostrem, Preeceville, Sask., and Missionary Andrew Burgess, who awakened the people to the needs of those who live in darkness in the foreign fields. Large numbers gathered each evening to see the pictures from China and Madagascar, and hear Rev. Burgess lecture on them.

Other speakers were our local pastors, Rev. K. Knutson of Cabri, Rev. K. Bergsagel of Kyle and Rev. A. Tveit of Admiral.

A few new converts were added to the Good Shepherd's fold. God grant that they may continue steadfast. Campers this year were from Frontier, Chambery, Kyle, Cabri, Admiral, Scotsguard and Simmie. Classes were held in the forenoon, evangelistic services and mission pictures each evening.

Recreation and choir practice were on the afternoon schedule with George Gilbertson of Frontier directing the choir.

The annual meeting of the Swift Current Circuit League was held on Saturday afternoon when new officers were elected for the coming year.

We look forward to another time of fellowship next year.

God bless our Bible Camps!

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The Prince Albert Circuit Lutheran Bible Camp

Twelve days of continued Bible study, Christian fellowship, and guided recreation! That was the diet of the 357 registered campers at the Prince Albert Circuit Lutheran Bible Camp. It wasn't just another gathering. There was something different. God's hand had been at work in a definite way long before the opening date, June 28. For two years the Circuit had had its abbreviated Bible Camp on a public site. But there was no privacy, and the accommodations were poor. Last October a Bible Camp Board, authorized by the Circuit, purchased a quarter section of timber land on the eastern shores of Christopher Lake, 28 miles north of Prince Albert. With only \$30.00 in the treasury, it appeared to be a bold and "dangerous" step. But there was faith to believe that the Circuit had enough interested folks to back such a project. During the spring a building program was launched, all labor being voluntary. Funds were coming in from individuals and organizations. On Dedication Sunday, July 7, we announced to the approximately 650 friends visiting, that we needed \$155.00 to pay off the debt in full—the total indebtedness having been around \$700.00. At the evening service, that day, we announced that God had that day given us, through friends \$155.67. All praise to His name! Even during a "war year," we thank God that He prospered this cause so wonderfully.

But even that did not cause the greatest rejoicing. More do we praise His name for what His Spirit was permitted to do in the hearts and lives of our young people. Through the teaching of God's Word three

hours every morning, and then through the evening vespers, the Spirit searched hearts, brought conviction of sin, and led many to see the "Crucified One for sinners slain." Some sought for peace with God; others wanted God's assurance of their life in Christ; and still others desired the light of the Word in relation to their Life's work, witnessing, etc.

Teachers and Circuit pastors assisting in "dividing the Word," were: Dr. J. R. Lavik, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon; Miss Olga Guttormson, Naicam, Sask., missionary to South Africa, now home on furlough; Rev. J. P. Tandberg, Weldon; Rev. P. Lerseth, Birch Hills; Rev. H. Nelson, Parkside; and Rev. E. V. Stime, Prince Albert.

Once more we thank Almighty God for His Word, the Spirit for His conviction and guiding, and Jesus Christ for the way out, — out of sin and into a fruitful service.

—E. V. Stime.

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Reports from the Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Camp and the Yorkton Circuit Y.P.L.L. Convention will appear in the next issue.

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Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute

A year ago at its District meeting in Edmonton, our Church decided to open a Bible School at Outlook, Sask. God has abundantly blessed that decision as has been evidenced from the results of the school's first year of work. On the opening day there were eight students enrolled; during the second half of the year there were more than three times that number. God also blessed our school with the funds needed for its operation. He has made known in an abundant way the truth of His promise, that He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

(Eph. 3:20.)

We are thankful for these material blessings God has bestowed on our school, and still more grateful for what it has meant in the lives of those who had the privilege of attending. These blessings have been shared in some measure with our congregations, as several of the students have been teaching parochial school this summer or helping some other way in the work of their own congregations or in others. And this influence will be noticed still more as our school continues. We need many Bible trained workers in our congregations; there is a rich harvest of lost souls to be brought in. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest for more workers. And as we pray let us be willing to do what we can that such workers may be trained. Make it possible for your own or some other young people to attend Bible School this winter.

The Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute will open its doors for a second year of work, October 15th. There will be a fall term of 10 weeks, and a winter term of 14 weeks, beginning January 3; both first and second year courses will be offered. Pastor G. O. Evenson has been engaged as full time Principal, and Miss Gladys Gurholt as Preceptress and assistant teacher. The fees are purposely kept as low as possible in order to make it possible for more to attend. There is no charge for tuition; board is made available for \$2.00 per week, and room for 50c. a week. There will be a 10% reduction in the charge for board and room to those in attendance both terms.

It is the earnest desire of the board that our people shall continue to remember the needs of our school with their prayers and with their gifts. And we sincerely hope that a constantly growing group of interested friends will be added to those who are speaking to God about the needs of our school. Among other things, we might suggest to our praying friends the fact that our school needs new song-books, as we haven't yet had the opportunity to provide for this need. But probably the most important thing is that you make it possible for young people from your district to attend. Pray that there may be many in attendance to reap the blessings at our school this fall and winter.

At our district meeting in connection with the general convention in Minneapolis in June, Pastor Evenson resigned from the Bible School board, and Pastor H. F. Johnson of Assiniboia was elected in his place to represent the Moose Jaw circuit. Pastor Peder Lerseth of Birch Hills was elected to succeed him as chairman of the Bible School board.

—J. T. Dahle.

The Canadian Lutheran Youth Conference

A truly significant gathering was held in Regina, Saskatchewan, July 11—14, for during those days over 100 Canadian Lutheran young people representing the various bodies in the American Lutheran Conference met in joyous and real Christian fellowship. Despite the emphasis given by the war to the fact that Lutherans come from different national backgrounds, these young people vividly demonstrated the wonderful truth that there is in Christ a unity that transcends the distinctions of race and nation and class. Those who dare to believe that God has a definite place for the Lutheran Church in the work of His kingdom in Canada are confident that this first Canadian Lutheran Youth Conference will promote that work.

The keynote of the conference was sounded in the opening address, which was given by Rev. Oscar C. Hanson, president of the International Young People's Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. He made it plain that before we can be united in Christ, we must each stand alone as repentant sinners at the foot of the cross. It was an emphasis that was not forgotten throughout the entire convention, which closed with a challenging address by Dr. B. M. Christensen of Augsburg College and Seminary, Minneapolis.

For the blessings of this conference we thank God, the giver of all good.

Alberta Pastors Please Note!

A three-day Retreat for study and meditation is being arranged, and will be conducted at Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, September 17—19. Keep those dates open! Good attendance makes the Retreat all the more worth while. The program will be announced later.

—C. S. Lystig.

Announcement

Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, begins its second school year, God willing, Tuesday, Sep. 24. Young men who intend to enter this year should send in their applications at once, if they have not already done so. We shall also be glad to hear from others who may desire, information about the course and the qualifications for entrance.

J. R. Lavik,
Luther Seminary,
Saskatoon, Sask.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. George Hendrickson, Editor — Tofield, Alta.

The Camrose Circuit W.M.F.

The Camrose W.M.F. met on the afternoon of July 11th during the Camrose Week. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "Dearest Jesus draw Thou near me."

Mrs. Stolee Sr. led in devotion, which was followed by the singing of a hymn, "Holy, holy, holy."

Mrs. Arnold Hoveland, W.M.F. president of the Camrose Circuit, then gave an address of welcome. Mrs. H. Hendrickson of Ardena sang a solo, "There is no disappointment in Heaven." Mrs. E. Scotvold of Minneapolis gave an address in form of a testimony. This was based on St. Matthew, Chapt. 27, and Hebrews 11. A vocal solo by Mrs. Jacobson was followed by a paper by Mrs. Solheim on "Faith in Action." Mrs. Skaret and Miss Skaret sang, "God's Way."

The offering taken was divided between the Inner Mission Society and the W.M.F.

Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson of Tofield gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Minneapolis to the W.M.F. convention there. She brought greetings from Mrs. Palmer Anderson and others. Also reported that Mrs. Thvedt, the W.M.F. President of the Canada District, has left us and moved to North Dakota, and that her place now will be taken by the Vice President, Mrs. George Hendrickson, who asked for our help and prayers.

Motion was made and carried that we send a letter to Mrs. Thvedt, expressing our sympathy and regrets at her leaving us.

The meeting was closed by the singing of Hymn No. 54, "Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise."

Mission Box Service

(When Mission Boxes are distributed)

"I love to tell the story;
This pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own Holy Word."

Are we satisfied to receive the wonderful salvation message ourselves, or are we anxious that others might hear? Being members of the W.M.F. has helped to increase the interest for missions and has made us realize that we are responsible for the telling of the story to those who have not heard. How happy we should be for the privilege of helping the mission cause.

Today we have the familiar little Mission Box here, and if it could speak, it would say, "Take me to your home today. I will receive your gifts to missions. I will keep them securely until the end of the year. Then missions at home and abroad will equally share in your offering. Give as the Lord has prospered you. Remember to give daily and as you give, ask God to bless the gift. Do not put me in some place where I will be forgotten. If you do, I cannot fulfill my mission to help tell the message of salvation to some who have never heard."

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(When Mission Boxes are brought in)

Today as we bring our Mission Box offering, let us do so in the spirit of this poem written by Catherine Culnan:

THE GIFT AT THE ALTAR

Bring thy gift to the altar;
But, ere thou lay it there
Look on the whited harvest fields
And bend thy thoughts in prayer.

What is this thou art bringing
To lay before thy King?
Thy precious alabaster box,
Or some uncared-for thing?

Bring thy gift to the altar;
Withhold not any part;
Will He who gave His all for thee
Not look to find thy heart

Laid down with prayer and offering
For Him to take and bless
Ere He can multiply its power
In Kingdom usefulness?

Bring thy gift to the altar
But ere thou leave it there
Look on the waiting harvest fields
And pledge thyself to care.

NOTE: A table or improvised altar may be arranged and as the members march around placing their Mission Boxes thereon, a solo, quartette or the entire group may sing the last three stanzas of the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," found in the Concordia Hymnary No. 406.

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou dost choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Camp

The Moose Jaw Circuit had its first summer Bible Camp at Monson's Grove west of Midale July 22-28, 1940. Fifty-six young people registered during the week and most of them were in attendance the full time. No doubt the attendance would have been larger if the camp had been held earlier as haying and harvesting had already started when the camp opened. However, in order to avoid conflict with Bible Week in Torquay, and the Regina and Calgary Conventions, it was necessary to choose the last full week in July. Of those registered 27 were from the Torquay Parish, 13 from the Lake Alma Parish, 12 from the Macoun Parish, and 4 from the Moose Jaw Parish.

The faculty of the camp consisted of 3 consecrated young Bible teachers. Pastor Evenson of Moose Jaw, who has accepted the call to be dean of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute in Outlook, taught II Peter; Philip Hanson of Clarkfield, Minn., a fine Bible teacher and evangelist, conducted a study on Paul's Letter to the Philippians; and Pastor Stime of Prince Albert, who has accepted a call to teach at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, conducted a class in "Christ in the Old Testament" in the forenoon, and gave a series of evening sermons on the general theme, "The Soldier of Jesus Christ." An hour was used in the afternoons in answering questions of the young people, dropped into a question box, and in discussing such things as the following: "The steps in coming to Christ," "Assurance of salvation," "Ascertaining the will of God in regard to life work," "Love, Courtship, and Marriage."

There could be no "lake-sing" at the camp since there was no lake, but a "hill-sing" proved to be a true inspiration. A group of singers was stationed on each of two hills with a larger group in the valley between. The different groups sang different stanzas of several hymns and all three groups joined in the singing of the doxology. On Friday evening the Bible Campers gathered around a bonfire to sing hymns, share Scripture passages with one another, and testify of the grace of God as experienced by members of the group.

We are grateful to God for the many blessings that He showered upon us through this camp and we hope and pray that a Bible Camp may become an established institution also in the Moose Jaw Circuit. We are

grateful to Miss Lydia Bromstad, Mrs. Alfort Torgunrud, and Miss Ada Nelson for their work as cooks at the camp. We also wish to thank the people of the Circuit for donations in money and food which made it possible to keep the cost to the students down to \$1.50 for the week.

Pastor Evenson was the dean of the camp; Pastor Lee of Macoun served as camp manager; and Pastor Haugen of Torquay was recreational director.

— Milo E. Lee.

Yorkton Circuit Y.P.L.L. Convention

The Y.P.L.L. Convention held in Norquay, Rev. Ostrem's charge, on June 28-30, 1940, had as its general theme, "God's Challenge to Modern Youth."

The guest speakers were Rev. Talbert Ronning, Missionary to China, and Dr. J. R. Lavik, President of the Seminary at Saskatoon.

Each of the three days were divided into three sessions, most of which were opened by Bible study in Ephesians, conducted by Dr. Lavik.

On Friday morning Rev. Ronning delivered the address, and music was supplied by the Norquay Choir. In the afternoon, Rev. Ostrem of Preeceville explained the first sub-topic under the heading, "What is God's Challenge?" Mrs. F. Carlson told us a few "Hindrances to accepting God's Challenge." Miss Alda Romuld, also of Preeceville, told us "How To Accept God's Challenge."

On Friday evening Rev. Ronning again spoke to us. He added interest and emphasis to his talk by using Christ's parables as illustrations.

On Saturday morning the second topic under the general theme, "God's Challenge to Modern Youth to Christian Living," was dealt with. The first sub-topic was taken by Mrs. A. Rainey of Norquay. She challenged us to "Christian Living in the Home." Our life in the home may influence the choice of those round about us. Rev. Ronning dealt with the other two topics under the headings, "Christian Living in the Daily Occupation," and "In Our Social Life." Saturday afternoon saw the final phase of the general theme discussed. Miss Elsie Sandager of North Prairie dealt with the first sub-topic, "Preparation for Service." This can be done in two ways, by Prayer and Study. Leonard Rindahl of Stewart Valley explained the value of "Serving in Witnessing." Miss Belma Iverson of Norquay told of the importance of "Serving in Stewardship."

As a climax to the topics, Dr. Lavik discussed "The Reward for Service." We don't serve to be saved, but if saved, we serve. What kind of rewards? More blessed to give than to receive. Deep satisfaction in being useful. Reward of a good conscience. Source of reward is in God's grace in Christ.

At the business session, the following officers were elected:

Advisory President: Rev. G. J. Ostrem, Preeceville; President: Clarence Berg, Hinchcliffe; Vice President: Mrs. F. Carlson, Preeceville; Secretary: Elsie Sandager, Hinchcliffe; Treasurer: Clifford Johnson, Norquay; P.T.M. Secretary: Edith Hanson, Hendon; Choir Director: Emil Berstad, Preeceville; Ass't Choir Director: Delmar Melsness, Hinchcliffe.

On Saturday evening Rev. Ronning delivered a very challenging message centered around Romans 12:1, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Are we as soldiers of the cross willing to give our lives for Christ Who first died for us?

At the divine Worship on Sunday morning Dr. Lavik preached the sermon, based on John 10:22-25. Before the closing of the convention on Sunday evening, other inspiring sessions were held, assisted by music supplied by the Preeceville and North Prairie choirs.

—Elsie Sandager, Sec'y.

In loving memory of
Richard Aune
who passed away July 25th, 1939

We loved you, Richard, we loved you well,
But Jesus loved you so much more.
For tenderly He called to you
To live with Him on that blissful shore.

Though you are no more in our midst

We see you in so many ways.
We feel that you are still amongst us
Through the deeds and words of yesterdays.

But God has spoken and you gave answer,

Ready to go at the Lord's command.
Where now you are we would not dare

Wish you back to this woeful land.

May God be near to guide and bless
Us on our way through life's long race.

And when our days on earth are ended,

May we all meet at the Throne of Grace.

Mother, Father and Sister Selma.

A Faithful Servant

Miss Myrtle Paulson, a member of Bethel Lutheran, North Sacramento, California, Rev. Kelmer N. Roe's parish, pledged \$300.00 to the Centennial Thank-Offering and paid the entire amount the first year. She died on July 4th this year from cerebral hemorrhage, only 48 years old. Her pastor gives her this testimony that she was a most devoted and loyal church member and that her death is a great loss to the congregation and to the Church.

But her memory is a definite spur to the rest of us to go forward with the Kingdom and also follow her example in taking care of our Centennial pledges.

May her memory be a source of great blessing to the members of her congregation and to all of us in our Church.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

A Youth's Prayer

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too;
With Thy Spirit re-create me,
Make my heart anew.

Like Thy springs and running waters,
Make me crystal pure;
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur,
Make me strong and sure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free;
Like the straightness of the pine trees
Let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens,
Lift my thoughts above;
Turn my dreams to noble action—
Ministries of love.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too;
Keep me ever, by Thy Spirit,
Pure and strong and true.

—Mary S. Edgar.

God surrounds us with an environment richly stocked with golden opportunities, but we have to make our own choices.

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Mystical, more than magical, is that communion of soul with soul, both looking heavenward.

—T. Carlyle.

CIRCUIT PRESIDENTS AND STEWARDSHIP SECRETARIES

Please Take Note!

Canada District Allocation meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, East-lake Ave. and 12th St., Saskatoon, on the 10th of Sept. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The evening session, which will be in the form of a program, will be open to the public and all are welcome. All Circuit Presidents and Stewardship Secretaries must be present at this meeting.

—I. J. Saugen.